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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

General

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, I, Neill Herbert Alford, Jr., a legal resident of the City of Greenville, County of Greenville, State of South Carolina, now in the military service as a Major, Army Serial Number 0-396 100, in the Army of the United States, and anticipating that I may be required to go overseas in said military service, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint, my father, Neill Herbert Alford, whose address is 814 East North Street, Greenville, South Carolina, my true and lawful attorney to act in, manage, and conduct all my estate and all my affairs and for that purpose for me and in my name, place, and stead, and for my use and benefit, and as my act and deed, to do and execute, or to concur with persons jointly interested with myself therein in the doing or executing of, all or any of the following acts, deeds, and things, that is to say:

(1) To buy, receive, lease, accept, or otherwise acquire; to sell, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, quitclaim, or otherwise encumber or dispose of; or to contract or agree for the acquisition, disposal or encumbrance of; any property whatsoever and whereso ever situated, be it real, personal, or mixed, or any custody, possession, interest, or right therein or pertaining thereto, upon such terms as my said attorney shall think proper; (2) To take, hold, possess, invest, lease, or let, or otherwise manage any or all of my real, personal, or mixed property, or any interest therein or pertaining thereto; to eject, remove, or relieve tenants or other persons from, and recover possession of, such property by all lawful means; and to maintain, protect, preserve, insure, remove, store, transport, repair, rebuild, modify, or improve the same or any part there of; (3) To make, do, and transact all and every kind of business of whatever kind or nature, including the receipt, recovery, collection, payment, compromise, settlement, and adjust ment of all accounts, legacies, bequests, interests, dividends, amuities, claims, demands, debts, taxes, and obligations, which may now or hereafter be due, owing, or payable by me or to me; (4) To make, indorse, accept, receive, sign, seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver deeds, assignments agreements, certificates, hypothecations, checks, notes, bonds, vouchers, receipts, releases, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature, as may be necessary, convenient or proper in the premises; (5) To make deposits or investments in or withdrawals from any account, holding, or interest which I may now or hereafter have, or be entitled to, in any banking, trust, or investment institution, including postal savings depository offices, credit unions, savings and loan associations, and similar institutions; to exercise any right, option, or privilege pertaining thereto; and to open or establish accounts, holdings, or interests of whatever kind or nature, with any such institution, in my name or in my said attorney's name or in both our names jointly, either with or without right of survivorship; (6) To institute, prosecute, defend, compromise, arbitrate, and dispose of legal, equitable, or administrative hearings, actions, suits, attachments, arrests, distresses or other proceedings, or otherwise engage in litigation in connection with the premises; (7) To act as my attorney or proxy in respect to any stocks, shares, bonds, or other investments, rights, or interests, I may now or hereafter hold: (8) To execute vouchers in my behalf for any and all allowances and reimbursements properly payable to me by the United States, including but not restricted to allowances and reimbursements for transportation of dependents or for shipment of household effects as authorized by law and Army regulations, and to receive, indorse, and collect the proceeds of checks payable to the order of the undersigned drawn on the Treasurer of the United States; (9) To prepare, execute, and file income and other tax returns, and other governmental reports, declarations, applications, requests, and documents; (10) To take possession, and order the removal and shipment, of any of my property from any post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage or safekeeping, governmental or private; and to execute and deliver any release, voucher, receipt, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument necessary or convenient for such purpose.

GIVING AND GRANTING unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act, deed, matter, and thing whatsoever in and about my estate, property, and affairs as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as I might or could do in my own proper person if personally present, the above specially enumerated powers being in aid and exemplification of the full, complete, and general power herein granted, and not in limitation or definition thereof; and hereby ratifying all that my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

And I hereby declare that any act or thing lawfully done hereunder by my said attorney shall be binding on myself, and my heirs, legal and personal representatives, and assigns whether the same shall have been done before or after my death, or other revocation of this instrument, unless and until reliable intelligence or notice thereof shall have been received/by my said attorney; and whether or not I, the grantor of this instrument, shall have been reported or listed, either officially or otherwise, as "missing" or "missing in action" as those words are used in military parlance, it being the intendment hereof that such status designation shall not bar my attorney from fully and completely exercising and continuing to exercise any and all powers and